



## DECLARATION - UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

AS THE BELOW NAMED INVENTORS, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names. We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### APPARATUS FOR ENABLING DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING ACROSS A PLURALITY OF CIRCUIT CARDS

the specification of which was filed on January 6, 2004 as U.S. Application No. 10/752,428.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of the below listed United States applications and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the effective filing date of this application:

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We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 or §165 of the below listed foreign, PCT or provisional applications:

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Filed \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby appoint as our attorneys, Joseph J. Zito, Reg. No. 32,076 and Kendal M. Sheets, Reg. No. 47,077, Customer No. 23593 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith and with any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue or re-examination application, with full power of appointment and with full power to substitute an associate attorney or agent, and to receive all patents which may issue thereon, and request that all correspondence be directed to:

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WE HEREBY DECLARE that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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